

the poor result of the last English School Leaving Certificate Examination. Compulsory physical training was introduced in the Junior Intermediate classes in the Arts and Science Colleges on the return after training of the candidates for appointment as Physical Instructors. A lady graduate is being trained with a view to being appointed as Physical Instructor in the Women's College; and in the meantime temporary arrangements have been made for the introduction of compulsory physical training in that College. Application has been made to the University of Madras for the affiliation of the Science College in Zoology (main) and Botany (subsidiary) in the B. A. Degree course and in the pre-registration course for candidates seeking admission to the Madras Medical College. The Indian Music Group has been opened in the Women's College from the beginning of the current academic year. Candidates for the B. A. Degree examination were presented for the first time from the Women's College in 1105. In the field of vernacular education, the increase in the strength was 20,113. Primary schools contributed most of the increase. Possibly as a result of the prevailing economic conditions, the year witnessed a decline, though slight, in the number of Pulaya and Paraya pupils under instruction, but it is hoped that the set-back is only temporary. The special staff appointed in connection with the revision of pay of vernacular school teachers has almost completed its work.

#### **Law's Delays Commissioner.**

20. In my replies last year to the representations relating to civil judicial administration, I foreshadowed the appointment of an officer to investigate law's delays. In the beginning of April 1930, Rao Bahadur G. Sankara Pillai Esq., Retired Judge, High Court, was appointed Commissioner to enquire into the question of delay in the disposal of civil cases, to suggest measures for the more speedy execution of decrees and orders issued by the courts and to examine and report upon the need for the re-adjustment of the territorial jurisdiction of civil courts. Mr. G. Paramesvaran Pillai, Acting Second and Additional Sessions Judge, was appointed Assistant to the Commissioner. But, on the appointment of Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai, first as Acting Additional Head Sirkar Vakil and then on special duty in connection with the Round Table Conference, an officer of the grade of Munsiff was appointed as Secretary, instead. The Commissioner was empowered to associate with himself practising lawyers for the whole or any part of the work. The Commissioner and those associated with him in the enquiry were also authorised to visit selected courts in the State and to take the evidence of practising lawyers, judicial officers and such other persons as the Commissioner might deem necessary. The Commissioner has issued a questionnaire and collected valuable statistics and his report is expected to be ready in August 1931.

#### **Police.**

21. Towards the end of Kanni 1105, a Senior District Superintendent of Police was appointed as Personal Assistant to the Commissioner of Police. The force was also strengthened by the appointment of one